

Washington State Ferries Bicycle Pass Program



*Welcome aboard
Washington State
Ferries! Our Bicycle
Pass Program has been
developed to assist the
growing number of
bicyclists using the
ferries as a means of
getting to and from
work or bicycling
for pleasure.*



Why a Bicycle Pass Program?

The Bicycle Pass Program was developed to promote bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation on Washington State Ferries. We recognize that bicycle commuting lessens traffic congestion, improves air quality and reduces our dependency on fossil fuels.

Statistics indicate that in a recent 12 month period, 229,077 bicycle round trips were made on the ferries and 38% of those trips were made by Bicycle Pass Program members.

Who Can Participate in the Bicycle Pass Program?

Anyone with a bicycle can participate in the program. We highly recommend the program for passengers who regularly travel with their bikes aboard the ferries. The more you participate in the program, the greater the savings.

What are the benefits of the Bicycle Pass Program?

Bicyclists enrolled in the program do not pay the bicycle surcharge at the toll booth.

In other words, a regular commuter who travels five days a week aboard the ferries with their bike can save \$175 over the regular fare. The Bicycle Pass Program is not valid on the San Juan Islands routes.

What Does It Cost?

There is a \$ 20 registration fee for each pass issued. Checks or money order made out to Washington State Ferries are accepted. Sorry, no credit cards.

How Do I Sign Up for the Bicycle Pass Program?

It's simple! First, read the information in this brochure paying particular attention to the loading and storage of bicycles on Washington State Ferries. Then, complete and sign the attached application form, enclose your check or money order and mail to:

**Rideshare Registration Program
Washington State Ferries
Revenue Accounting
PO Box 3985
Seattle, WA 98124-3985**

When Will My Pass Arrive?

Participants receive a special tag to place on their bicycle. WSF will mail the tag to the applicant upon verification of the completed application form and receipt of the fee, a process that takes approximately two weeks.

Where Do I Put The Tag on My Bicycle?

The bicycle tag must be firmly attached to the upper portion of the bicycle, either to the horizontal portion of the frame or the yoke assembly just below the handlebars. The pass must be readily visible to the terminal staff and vessel crews at all times.

Remember, the tag enables ferry crews to quickly recognize program participants which speeds up the boarding process for bicyclists.



Do Program Members Need to Renew Their Membership?

Yes. WSF will mail renewal forms to all pass holders in advance of expiration of their current pass. Please be sure to notify us if you change your mailing address during the year.

Can I Transfer My Tag to Another Bicyclist?

Yes. Bicycle tags can be transferred from one bicycle to another, provided they are secured to the bicycle as described above.

Washington State Ferries does not recommend transferring tags. Remember, these tags help ferry crews and the Coast Guard identify the owners of a bicycle in the event of an emergency or if someone leaves their bicycle on board at the end of a sailing.

Lost or Destroyed Permits

Lost or destroyed permits should be reported immediately to Washington State Ferries. **A registered bicycle without a valid permit will have to pay the bicycle surcharge.**

To obtain a replacement bicycle permit an "Affidavit of Lost / Stolen / or Destroyed WSF Permit" must be submitted along with a \$5 check or money order made out to Washington State Ferries. Affidavits can be obtained by calling us at 1-888-808-7977. Be sure to sign and indicate your mailing address on the affidavit.

Send your requests to the following address:

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BICYCLE PASS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

HOME

Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____

Zip: _____

WORK/DESTINATION

Phone: _____

Name: _____
Company name (optional)

Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____

Zip: _____

PRIMARY ROUTE

Departure: _____
A.M. (indicate departing terminal)

Departure: _____
P.M. (indicate departing terminal)

ALTERNATE ROUTE (optional)

Departure: _____
A.M. (indicate departing terminal)

Departure: _____
P.M. (indicate departing terminal)

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules outlined in this brochure and am aware that failure to follow them may result in revocation of my Washington State Ferries Bicycle Pass, citations, and possible expulsion from the Washington State Ferry System.

Signature _____

Date _____

*Number of Permits requested at \$20 each: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

**Make Check or Money Order
for \$20 Payable to WSF
for each permit.**

Mail To:

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Washington State Ferries**
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P.O. Box 3985
Seattle, WA 98124-3985

(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Issued Bicycle Pass No.: _____

Approved By: _____

Date: _____

***This form may be copied for additional Bicycle permits
Incomplete applications will be returned for further information.**

And Now, a Few Rules ...

Purchasing Tickets: Unless otherwise indicated at the terminal, individual bicyclists shall be processed in the same manner as motorists and purchase tickets at the vehicle toll plazas. In organized, large bicycle groups, a single group leader shall submit a travel schedule and purchase tickets at least one business day prior to the scheduled sailing time.

Bicycle Loading and Off-Loading:

Auto Ferries: Bicycles will load first on most WSF auto ferries unless the group is so large that it requires special loading. Once on board, please proceed to the front (bow) of the vessel unless otherwise directed by the ferry crew. Bicyclists arriving after cars have begun loading will be held in the terminal's bicycle section and loaded last, just prior to departure.

Bicyclists loaded last must secure their bicycles at the back (stern) of the vessel. Once the ferry arrives at its destination, bicyclists will off-load after cars and trucks.

Seattle/Bainbridge Island Bicycle Loading Off-Loading: One lane on the ferry will be left clear of vehicle traffic as long as possible to allow late arrivals to move to the bow of the boat. Once cars

begin filling the open lane, bicyclists will be held and loaded last. Late loading bicycles must remain at the stern of the vessel. Please secure your bicycle at the back of the vessel. When the vessel is off loaded bikes secured at the stern will be allowed to unload after the lower outside wings are clear of all vehicles. Any bicyclists missing this opportunity will be off loaded after all vehicles have been off loaded.

Passenger-Only Fast Ferries: Bicycle loading on the passenger-only ferries varies depending on the vessel and the time of day. Ask WSF staff for directions if in doubt about the bicycle loading procedure.

Storing Your Bicycle and Gear:

Sometimes, it may be necessary for deck crew to provide directions for securing your bicycle to avoid interference with lines, maintenance work, fire and boat drills, or vessel emergency procedures. Otherwise, bicyclists may secure their equipment by whatever means practical to avoid damage to the bikes and other vehicles in the area. The use of eyebolts on the bulkheads is optional.

Bicycle Shoes

Bicycle shoes with exposed cleats may not be worn in the passenger cabins.



Important Notice:

The information presented in this brochure constitutes your rideshare contract with the Washington State Ferries. Please keep a copy for future reference.

Questions? Please Write or Call:

Washington State Ferries
Colman Dock, Pier 52
801 Alaskan Way
Seattle, WA 98104-1487
1-888-808-7977

A Safety Reminder:

WSF supports safe cycling. Under Washington State law, bicycles are vehicles and are required to obey all laws applicable to motor vehicles. Please ride legally. Stop at stop signs and stop lights. Signal your turns and stops. Do not drive the wrong way down one way corridors. Do not ride and weave your bicycle through parked traffic at the ferry terminals. Do not ride your bicycle on sidewalks. Ride as close to the right side of the roadway as is safe. You are sharing Washington State Ferry facilities with motorists and pedestrians. Please ride safely.

